

S/V LE RÊVE

Antigua, W.I.

Emmett J. Gantz

Iridium satellite phone + voicemail: 88816-314-59115
From the USA: 011-8816-314-59115
European Cell 33-(0)-612-84-78-56
E-mail: ejgantz@hotmail.com

Judy Szyf

Received & Inspected

JUN 15 2017

FCC Mail Room

Proceedings: 17-122 Waiver for Icom 802 SSB 8 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

This correspondence is in support of granting a Waiver to Icom to continue to sell their 802 SSB.

We are retired senior citizens and spend 6 or 7 months annually on our sailboat. We have crossed the Atlantic Ocean on two occasions. During these trips we have received all of our weather information on a daily basis with our Icom 802 SSB.

The vessel was in the Mediterranean for five seasons and we were able to obtain daily weather reports, in English, from various countries, including Greece, Turkey, and Germany. Small sailboats cannot afford to purchase satellite communication systems. They are extremely expensive to purchase and to install. The cost of satellite usage, similar to a telephone bill, is \$1.00 to as much as \$8 dollars per minute. The single sideband, other than the initial cost, is basically free to obtain weather information. The single sidebands allows the sailing community to be utilized to keep in touch and to assist, in case of any emergencies.

Thank you.

Emmett J. Gantz, s/v Le Reve



No. of Copies rec'd
List ABCDE

0